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To the Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

The purpose of HB4578 is to make the local units of government responsible for septage disposal generated in their local unit of government.

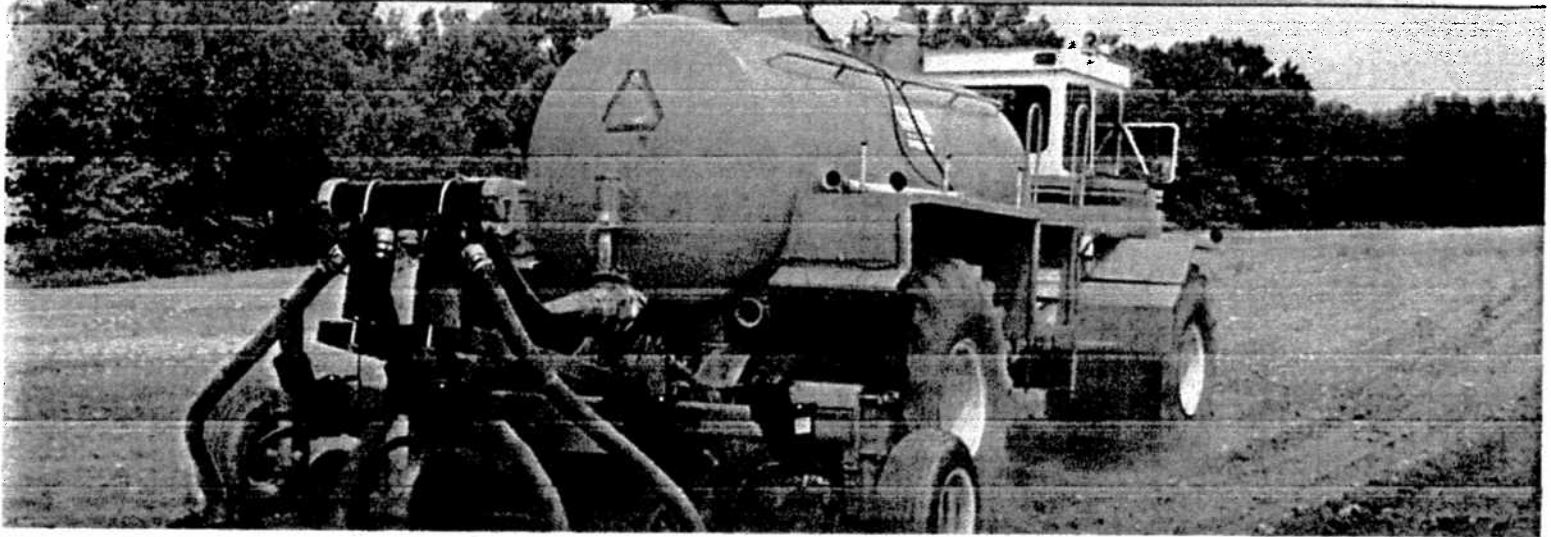
Without some guide lines to follow a local unit of government could ban land application of septage and require disposal to be outside of that local unit of government. The burden will be put on the service providers with increased cost to dispose of septage due to extra travel cost and possible noncompetitive disposal charges. The service provider will be forced to pass these cost to the consumer and possibly put the cost of general maintenance of septic systems out of reach for the consumer. This could result into failing septic systems and some health and environmental problems within that local unit of government.

Land application of septage waste is a tool that can be used in a very environmental safe and sound way. With the States regulations put on the septage land applicator there is no reason not to use this valuable, safe and recyclable method. If banning land disposal application is the only option then the local unit of government should manage their locally generated septage waste in their local unit and help control the cost to maintain a septic system .

Thank you for your consideration to the passing of HB4578.

Sincerely,

Dave W. Snyder VP
(West Mi. Septic, Sewer and Drain Service Inc.)



Septage management: Controlling your township's environmental and economic destiny

Editor's Note: Following legislation that was introduced at the end of last session that would require any governmental unit that banned the land application of septage to make available a septage receiving facility located within that local governmental unit, MTA asked the Michigan Septic Tank Association (MSTA) to share its perspective with the readers of Michigan Township News. MTA believes it is necessary for township boards to consider all relevant facts when addressing the land application of septage. Land application, when done accurately to conform to state standards, can be of both an economic and environmental benefit—despite what nearby residents might believe.

While MTA was able to kill the aforementioned bill during the lame-duck session, some form of last year's legislation is likely to be introduced in the very near future. MTA's goal is for townships to maintain the ability to make local decisions and not be pre-empted by state legislation, while at the same time encouraging members to adopt reasonable local ordinances pertaining to the land application of septage and the construction of septage storage facilities (for additional information, visit www.michigantownships.org/septage.asp). It is also MTA's hope that questionable decisions made by a few local governments (in requiring septage haulers to travel excessive distances to a septage receiving facility or making it difficult to construct a septage storage facility), will not result in legislation that would be harmful to all townships.

You don't have to look far to find townships that struggle with environmental and economic policy choices related to the management of human septage. This issue confronts many communities but is most prominent in communities that are challenged with population shifts, as formerly rural areas become more urbanized. However, there are mechanisms for sound economic and environmental planning of septage concerns.

AN INCREASING CHALLENGE

First, let's start with a very basic understanding of the problem. Septage is the waste material that comes from the most elemental of human activity and, since everyone uses a restroom, everyone is a stakeholder in making sure that the waste product is dealt with in an environmentally sound and economically efficient manner.

For thousands of years (and probably longer), mankind has land-applied septage as an efficient, environmentally sound, and cost-effective manner of dealing with septage. If the material is managed properly, it can be safe and can create

a soil nutrient base that can be beneficial to the natural environment. Properly managed land application of septage is recognized as a biologically and environmentally sound practice under the state's Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices. However, as communities grow and become more populous, finding open agricultural areas that are compatible for the land application of septage becomes more challenging.

The public often reacts to the activity in a negative fashion. And, of course, when the public becomes critical, the local township office phone rings with demands from angry constituents that almost always ends in a question to local officials: "What are you going to do about it?"

Municipal officials, functioning in an earnest reaction to serve their public, may respond in a manner that does not address the economic or environmental policy issues, but merely figures that the best solution is to ban the material entirely. Before taking such action, township officials should educate themselves on the practice, and whether or not an outright ban is right for their community—or even legal.



CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE

It's been seven years since Michigan's septage regulations were significantly revised, and became known as Part 117 of the Environmental Code. This 2004 amendment of the law was negotiated between many policy stakeholders, including the Michigan Townships Association and the Michigan Septic Tank Association (MSTA), as well as Farm Bureau and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The law's passage was an effort to avoid state government abandoning the statewide regulation of septage and leaving it entirely as a burden to local units of government to figure out what would best serve their communities.

One compromise negotiated by stakeholders is embodied in Part 117 at Section 15. That compromise was to avoid total state pre-emption of septage regulation, leaving some aspects of septage regulation up to local units of government. One of the prerogatives left to local units of government was the ability to prohibit the land-application of septage. The legislative history of the law recognizes that some communities are so highly urbanized that they may choose to manage septage material by establishing publicly owned treatment facilities rather than allow land application of septage material. However, that same legislative history indicates that the Legislature and the stakeholders knew that there would have to be some policy tradeoffs.

One of those policy tradeoffs was that if a local unit of government wants to ban the land application of septage, it must make some reasonable and practical alternative available

for the treatment and disposal of the material. Thus, the Legislature allowed local units of government to make their own policy choices and Section 15 of the law states that if a community is going to ban the land application of septage, it is their choice. But if they are going to do that, they must create a facility that will responsibly manage the septage material.

Currently, the law requires any septage hauler that pumps a septic tank within 25 radial miles of a receiving facility must use that receiving facility. Communities that are not within 25 miles of a receiving facility must closely examine whether or not it is legally supportable or reasonable to ban land application, considering the public's interest in maintaining a safe, cost-effective and environmentally responsible septage management policy. The stakes are significant, in that banning land application of septage could have the effect of causing landowners to pump their tanks less frequently due to cost—meaning septic fields will be at risk of frequent failure.

Township officials examining these measures would be wise to consider any unintended consequences of banning land application. ■

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State Senator John Moolenaar:

I own a small septic tank cleaning business in your legislative district (Alpena) and have been located here for 28 years. I am an active member in the Michigan Septic Tank Association and we currently have two pieces of legislation being introduced in the Michigan Legislature. I am asking for your support in favor of these two bills.

The first bill is Senate Bill 205 which has been introduced by State Senator Mike Kowall. It will give septage haulers a weight exemption on secondary roads during the spring frost laws. These weight restrictions hinder the pumping of septic tanks during this time as many haulers have to make at least two trips per septic tank in order to comply with the current law. This puts extra financial burden on Michigan families, most of whom are already challenged by the lackluster state economy. And if these families put off the pumping of these septic systems; they risk unsanitary conditions and pollution to the water system in our great state.

The second is an Amendment to Section 11715 (MCL 324.11715) that is to be soon introduced by State Representative Ken Goike. It will require a local unit of government who bans the land application of septage waste to be located completely within a 25 radial mile service area of the designated Receiving Facility. Some local units of government currently ban land application of septic waste and require septic haulers to transport this waste to a receiving facility over 40 miles away. It adds another financial burden to our customers as our pricing practices must now account for this new cost. The current land application techniques are sound, environmentally safe, cost effective and agriculturally accepted by the state of Michigan.

Again I am asking for your support when it comes time for you to vote on these two pieces of legislation. Your support of these bills will save the constituents of your district dollars (remember these are the constituents that voted you into office) I hope you will talk to your colleagues and ask them to support also. If you have any questions please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and the outcome of the vote on these issues.

Thank You for your time
Respectfully
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Mark N. Scott

From: Mark N. Scott [mscott@i2k.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2011 9:21 AM
To: 'BruceRendon@house.mi.gov'
Subject: Important Legislative Issues.

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From: Mark N. Scott [mscott@i2k.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2011 9:23 AM
To: 'PeterPettalia@house.mi.gov'
Subject: RE: Important Legislative Issues.

Dear Representative Pettalia,

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Subject: RE: Important Legislative Issues.

Dear Senator Booher,

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Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2011 9:26 AM
To: 'SenJMoolenaar@senate.michigan.gov'
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DEAR SENATOR MIKE NOFS

I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT
ON SB 205 ALSO AMMENDMENTS
TO PART 117 SEC 11715 (INCL 38/4/11715)

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME

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April 13, 2011

Dear Senator Mark Jansen ,

I am a business owner in the Muskegon County area and live in Cedar Springs and a constituent of yours. I would like to ask you to support a couple of issues that are important to me. I feel these issues will have benefits to the tax paying folks of Kent County and the State of Michigan.

1. The SB 205. Currently during the spring weight restrictions when a customer has septic system problem and needs emergency service we are restricted to how many gallons we can haul off his / her property . This could lead to multiple trips to service what could of been done with one trip. This leads to additional cost to Mr./ Mrs. home owner and extra fuel , more emissions released into our environment. Please take the time to review this bill and would encourage you to vote yes for SB205.

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Please again take the time to research this issue and vote yes for amendments to Part 117. I hope to see you at one of our local stores or government building to discuss again.

Thank you ,

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Dear Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright ,

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Dear Representative Amanda Price ,

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Please again take the time to research this issue and vote yes for amendments to Part 117. I hope to see you at one of our local stores or government building to discuss again.

Thank you ,

Dave W. Snyder

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West Michigan Septic Sewer & Drain Service Inc.
2542 S. Getty
Muskegon MI. 49444

Phone (231) 739-7428
Fax (231) 739-8036

April 13, 2011

Dear Representative Peter MacGregor,

I am a business owner in the Muskegon County area and live in Cedar Springs and a constituent of yours. I would like to ask you to support a couple of issues that are important to me. I feel these issues will have benefits to the tax paying folks of Kent County and the State of Michigan.

1. The SB 205. Currently during the spring weight restrictions when a customer has septic system problem and needs emergency service we are restricted to how many gallons we can haul off his / her property. This could lead to multiple trips to service what could of been done with one trip. This leads to additional cost to Mr./ Mrs. home owner and extra fuel, more emissions released into our environment. Please take the time to review this bill and would encourage you to vote yes for SB205.

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Thank you,



Dave W. Snyder
5891 16 mile road
Cedar Springs Mi. 49319

Daniels Septic Service, Inc.

4350 Knight Rd.
Sterling, MI. 48659
989-654-3199 or 989-654-2162
1-800-554-3199

04-14-2011

Senator John Moolenaar,

I am asking as one of your constituents to support amendments to Part 117 Sec. 11715 (MCL 324.11715).

This legislative would help in a decision to ban land application of septage in a local unit of government. I would like a local unit of government to realize what economical issue could arise without the biological and Environmentally safe practice of land application of waste. Without some sound restrictions, the local units of government could make the disposal travel expensive to the service provider which would be passed onto the consumer. This may discourage the consumer to properly maintain there septic system and lead to system failure and possible environmental issues.

Thank you for the consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

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04-14-2011

Representative Joel Johnson,

This is the issue I spoke to you about last Saturday night at the Sportsman Banquet in Standish. I am asking as one of your constituents to support amendments to Part 117 Sec. 11715 (MCL 324.11715).

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Thank you for the consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Dave - I also spoke to Rep. Johnson at
a fundraiser and told him I would be
Daniels Septic Service
sending him a letter - AS you can
see I did not mention anything
about weight restrictions
Ray

April 20, 2011

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Representative Kenneth Kurtz
N-992 House Office Building
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Representative Kurtz:

My name is Wes Kinsey and I own and operate General Sanitation Service, in which I install, service, and repair septic, sewers and drainfields. My home and business are located in Ovid Township at Coldwater Lake.

As one of your constituents, I am asking for your support of amendments to Part 117, Section 11715 (MCL 324.11715). This legislative language would help in a decision to ban land application of septage in a local unit of government. I am concerned that the local government units may not realize the economical impact that could arise without the biological and environmentally safe practice of land application of sewage waste. Without sound restrictions, the local units of government could make the disposal travel expensive to small business owner, which would be passed on to the consumer. In the current economic times this could undoubtedly discourage consumers to properly maintain their septic systems, leading to more severe environmental issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislative issue.

Respectfully,

Wesley Paul Kinsey
429 Warren Road
Coldwater, MI 49036

DNRE Part 117 Sec. 11715 (MCL 324.11715)

From: **kay dubey** (kaydubey@hotmail.com)

Date: Tue 4/19/11 1:13 PM

To: kurtdamrow@house.mi.gov

Dear Kurt,

Todd and I are asking, as one of your constituents, to support amendments to **Part 117, Sec. 11715 (MCL 324.11715)**.

This change in legislative language would assist in a decision to ban land application of septage in a local unit of government. I would like all local units of government to realize what economical issues could arise without the biological and environmentally safe practice of land application of septage waste. Without some sound restrictions, the local units of government could make the travel expense for disposal of septic tank waste very expensive to the service provider which in turn, must be passed onto the home owner. This added expense will discourage home owners from properly maintaining their septic system which will lead to septic system failure and environmental pollution to our groundwater, lakes, rivers and streams.

We appreciate and thank you for the consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Todd and Kay Dubey
Johnson's Septic Service, LLC
5060 Canboro Road
Owendale, MI 48754
Phone: 989-375-4294

*please note: these are copies of the letters I emailed to
Kurt Damrow + Mike Green*

*Thank You,
Kay Dubey*

John Moolenaar
Senator or Representative Peter Pataki

I am asking as one of your constituents to support amendments to Part 117 Sec. 11715 (MCL 324.11715)

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Thank you for the consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mrs. Bill Esch

Address 1757 Tash Rd

Mt. Mead 48643

Senator Bruce Caswell
PO Box 30036
Lansing MI 48909-7536

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Thank you for your consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Howard T & Luanne Beekman
518 Warren Road
Coldwater, MI 49036

Representative Kenneth Kurtz
N992 House Office Building
PO Box 30014
Lansing MI 48909

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Thank you for your consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Howard T & Luanne Beekman
518 Warren Road
Coldwater, MI 49036

Senator Randy Richardville,

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Thank you for your consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Grodi's Septic Tank Services
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Lajiness
6880 Kruse Rd.
Petersburg, MI 49270



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April 26, 2011

Senator John Proos
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Senator Proos:

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Thank you for your consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'John L. Calvano'.

John L. Calvano
President

1325 Airport Road
Niles, MI 49120

JLC/tc



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April 26, 2011

Representative Matthew Lori
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Representative Lori:

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Thank you for your consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Calvano".

John L. Calvano
President

1325 Airport Road
Niles, MI 49120

JLC/tc

Poopy's Potties LLC

May 5th 2010

Dear Dave Robertson,

I would like to ask you to support Senate Bill 205 and the Amendments to Part 117 (House Bill 4578). Please help protect the pocket books of your constituents and the people of the State of Michigan.

During the spring weight restrictions on secondary roads if a home or business owner encounters septic system failure and needs there system pumped to relieve a back up, the service provider may need to make more then one trip with his truck due to weight restrictions. Even if the service providers truck could hold more the law will not let him. This will lead to additional cost to the service provider, (labor, time, fuel, etc.) and will be passed onto the consumer.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Menard
Poopy's Potties LLC
www.poopypotties.com
12075 Gage Rd
Holly, MI 48442

Mailed -
I know Dave 😊

From: Gretchen Menard (gretchenmenard@yahoo.com)
To: EileenKowall@house.mi.gov;
Date: Mon, May 9, 2011 7:28:26 PM
Cc:
Subject: Senate Bill 205 and the Amendments to Part 117 (House Bill 4578)

Dear Eileen Kowall,
I would like to ask you to support Senate Bill 205 and the Amendments to Part 117 (House Bill 4578). Please help protect the pocket books of your constituents and the people of the State of Michigan.

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~~Senator or~~ Representative

Nesbitt

517-373-5940
AaB Sewer & Septic

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Thank you for your consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Mr. ~~James~~

Address

Charles D. Taplin
35302 Riverview Dr. Paw Paw, MI 49079

Senator or Representative

Schuitmaker

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Mr. ~~James~~

Address

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April 14, 2011

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Thank you for the consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,



Mr. Paul Venema
11344 Fawn Valley Trail
Fenton, MI 48430

April 14, 2011

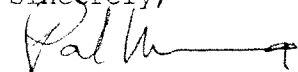
Representative Cynthia Denby,

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Thank you for the consideration of this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Venema", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr. Paul Venema
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Fenton, MI 48430